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MR KINDER'S RETIREMENT.

The Peking and Tientsin Times is authority for the statement that Mr Claude Kinder, C.M.G., has not been appointed Advisory Engineer to the Imperial Chinese Railways in London, as recently reported in Japanese and English papers. It is a strange story which our contemporary tells, and yet one which seems very familiar in some respects, as old China hands will recall. Mr Kinder, it appears, had only taken fifteen months leave between September, 1878, and April, 1899, and was therefore entitled to the sum of £3,500 as pay due in lieu of leave, but when he sent in his application for this sum it was refused. Instead, he was offered £300 and an engagement for three years as Consulting Engineer in London at a salary of £1,000 per annum. Mr Kinder naturally declined the proposal, whereupon £2,000 (a year's salary) was paid into his account and his long career with China was severed. The Peking Times contrasts this treatment with that accorded Mr Jadot, the Belgian engineer-in-chief of the Peking-Hankow railway. "When Mr Jadot left China after five years service he was awarded by the Chinese Government, justly awarded we consider, an honorarium of 250,000 francs (£40,000) for the work done on the railway, and 50,000 francs (£8,000) extra for the Yellow River Bridge. Mr Kinder leaves with a reward of £1,500—less than nothing." As our contemporary points out, "No foreign employee of the Chinese Government ever left China with a higher reputation for ability, energy and unswerving integrity than Mr Kinder. His work speaks for itself. The railway built by him is one of the most valuable assets of the Chinese Government. From the revenue earned by it has been defrayed, among other things, the cost of the construction of the Peking-Hankow Railway. It is the security for various railway loans obtained abroad." It is questionable whether any employee of any foreign government of the standing and record of Mr Kinder was ever treated more ungenerously.

A WISE APPOINTMENT.

It is announced officially that the Prime Minister, with his Majesty's approval, has requested Admiral of the Fleet Sir Arthur Knyvet Wilson, G.C.B., G.C.V.O., to become a member of the Committee of Imperial Defence. Admiral Sir A. K. Wilson, who is sixty-seven, entered the Navy in 1856. He has seen service in the Crimean and China wars, was present at the bombardment of Alexandria in 1882, and fought at El Teb two years later, winning the Victoria Cross for an act of gallantry which Sir Redvers Buller described as one of the most daring he had ever witnessed. He has acted as a Lord Commissioner and Comptroller of the Navy, commanded the Channel Squadron in 1901-3, and received his commission as Admiral of the Fleet in 1907. "The Silent Admiral," as Sir Arthur Wilson is called, from his preference for practice instead of preaching, is the inventor of the double-barrelled torpedo tube. He has made torpedo warfare his special study. When steel nets were adopted to ward off torpedoes it was he who invented the automatic shears which, attached to the nose of the torpedo, cut through this defence. Numerous other improvements followed. He is accounted the finest tactician and strategist in the Navy. At the battle of El Teb Captain Wilson—as he then was—was present with the Naval Brigade. The hitherto impregnable British square had been broken by the repeated mad rushes of the dervishes, and half a dozen Sudanese, seeing the advantage of a wide gap, endeavored to penetrate the centre of the square. Captain Wilson bore the brunt of the onset until the rallying troops closed up the square once more. For his bravery on this occasion he received the Victoria Cross.

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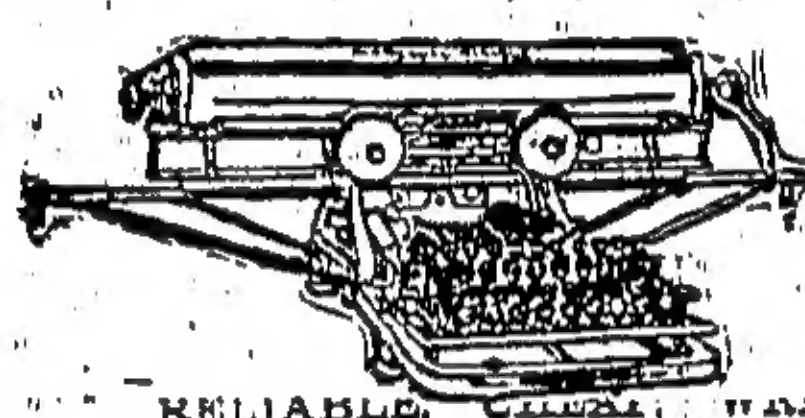
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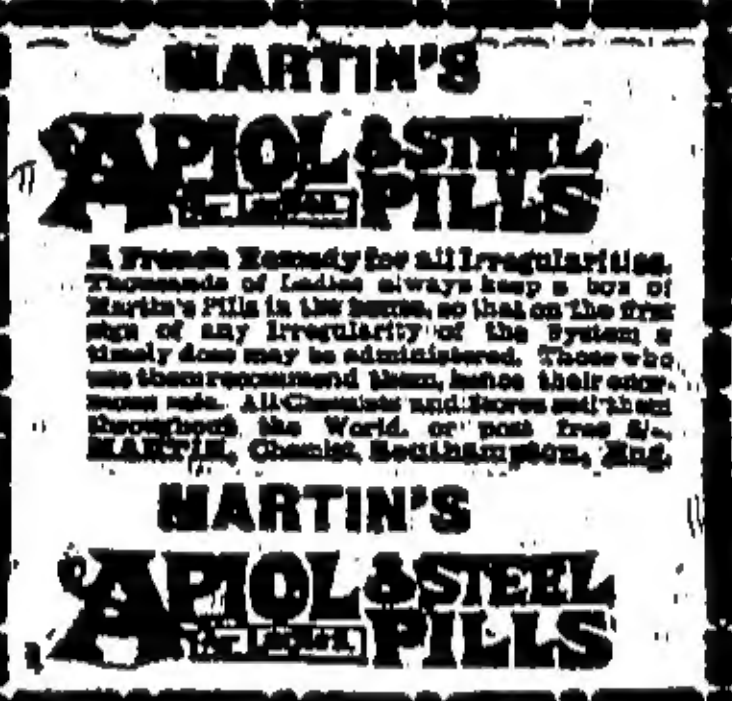
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DAY, the 29th day of May, 1909, at

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Report of the Directors and of the

Statement of Accounts for the year ending

30th April, 1909.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 26th inst.

to 2nd June next, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
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Hongkong, May 19, 1909.

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29th instant, at Noon, for the purpose of

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The REGISTER OF SHARES will be

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Hongkong, May 22, 1909.

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EDWARD OSBORNE,
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Hongkong, May 22, 1909.

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PAPER AND PRINTING IN
CHINA.

By E. H. Parker.

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Previous to the recent discoveries of Dr. Stein, our chief authorities for what a Chinese book was like are the statements of historians of the first, second, and third centuries of our era, when a number of ancient books were unearthed, after centuries of concealment, from tombs and hiding-places. Every single one of these books consisted of bamboo strips of one of the kinds above described, written in various usually, but occasionally also in ink, and tied together in "chapters" or bunches by strings of leather or silk running through one end of the bamboo, very much as at the fashion of our "books" of baggage-tickets, as we buy them, bound together by a brass cycle-hole. It had, up to quite recently, been taken for granted by Europeans, and also, to a certain extent, by Chinese historians, that the knife had been used in ancient times to carve characters upon wood. This erroneous view was the consequence of scribes and secretaries in the old days being described as "clerks of the knife and style." But it is now clearly established beyond doubt that the curved knives, each forming the one-sixth segment of a circle, were used for etching the various characters in cases of error, or for cutting notches in the indenture contracts, the form of which will be presently explained.

But, in addition to the books thus formed of piles of bamboo strips tied together by a cord—and often, it seems, enclosed, chapter by chapter, in light bamboo cases or boxes for further protection—made of wood, about a foot square, were extensively used for Acts of State, notices, orders, proclamations, and so on, provided not more than 100 words were employed. It is said of Confucius that, when seated in his bullock-cart, he always "bowed to the man carrying squares"; by this is meant that, "whenever he met a policeman or runner carrying on his back or shoulder a number of official documents issued from the pretorium, he invariably saluted respectfully," just as the modern Chinese do when an imperial courier gallops up. There were other wooden and bamboo slabs, of sizes intermediate between the "squares" and the "books," used for various purposes, such as visiting-cards, private letters, summonses, altar names (these last still in use to-day in Chinese temples), and also most respectable private writings, appointments, warrants, commissions, and so on; but all this, interesting though it be, sheds no new light upon the specific question of writing materials.

The revolutionary Emperor of B. C. 213 did not confine his energies to reading 80,000 words a day, and destroying all the literary men and their works, when he found them getting ahead of his ambitious plans; he also did his best to standardize the irregular forms which the various kingdoms he annexed had given to the ideographs. This led to the immediate simplification of the written character, two new modifications of which at once came into use, one of the two being specially intended for the use of the police and the clerks; it bears analogy to the short Babylonian as compared with the Babylonian hieroglyphics, or the demotic Egyptian as compared with the ideographs. Meanwhile, his chief General, Meng Tien, was employed in extending the Great Wall of China by means of forced labour; and, finding himself, in consequence, in a region where bamboos were at a discount, conceived the idea of substituting hairs' hair for the pencil tip instead of the "chewed" bamboo, or otherwise softened and spread-out bamboo tip, which used to be dipped in varnish or ink.

It had already been the occasional practice—and this apparently from the most ancient times—in China to write with the varnish-stick upon fine silken materials; but, this was too expensive a luxury to indulge in for ordinary purposes and the practice seems to have been limited to funeral banners for stationing before the altar; names, pictures, and drawings; first-class ambassadorial commissions, and so on. It is particularly stated that the imperial seal could only be applied to silk, and not to wood or bamboo; hence, perhaps, the subsequent importation of jade from Khoten. The ancient and unimproved characters had often been styled "saddles," because the nature of the old bamboo style necessitated the tapering off of each stroke, as the style was every few moments taken off the writing material by the scribe. But now the simplification of the characters, the 50 per cent. reduction in the number of strokes, the discovery that the hair pencil could mark thick and thin with great elegance, precision, and variety, and the development of the silk industry, stimulated ingenious persons of fashion to make a kind of "silk shoddy" out of silvelages, remnants, and other waste products. It is specifically stated that between A.D. 10 A.D. 20 a statesman named Ping Yen, otherwise known as the "Eastern Earl" (there was a corresponding Western Earl), displayed great ability in the manufacture of silk paper, which for the past two centuries had already, but not very largely, replaced bamboo for writing purposes.

This "paper" seems to have been written upon silken stuff, and not upon varnish, for it is mentioned in connection with two superior qualities of pencil-brush and ink manufactured by two individuals named Chang Chai and Jui Kih respectively, in the year A.D. 165.

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DEATH.

PEARCE—At the Victoria Hospital,

Barker Road, on Sunday, 23rd May,

Miss HARRISON, wife of the Rev. T. W.

PEARCE, of the London Mission.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Miscellaneous

Register of Shares of A. S. Watson &

Co., Ltd., close from this date to 1st

June, inclusive.

Goods per E. F. Fernandez undelivered

after this date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, May 26:—

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-

ture, etc., at Mr. Geo. F. Lammer's

Sales Rooms.

Transfer Books of Peak Tramway Co.,

Ltd., close from this date to 2nd June,

inclusive.

Goods per Lusitania undelivered after

this date subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, June 2:—

12.15 p.m.—Meeting of 'Star' Ferry

Co., Ltd., at Sir Paul Chater's Office.

The China Mail

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MAY 24, 1909.

THE FOLLY OF THE NATIONS.

With the German Reichstag adjourned

for a few weeks until a new and more

practicable scheme for raising fresh

revenue can be devised by the Govern-

ment; with the British Parliament

pledged to a big shipbuilding policy

and fighting stubbornly every item in a

Budget swollen to an inordinate figure;

with the French Chambers getting over

the immediate difficulty of making both

ends meet by imposing that most un-

palatable of imposts to a Frenchman, an

income tax; and the American Congress,

with a huge deficit staring it in the face,

solemnly tinkering at the tariff with an

idea to revenue-raising—the time has

surely come, when the nations should

call a halt and ask the question "Where

are we drifting to?" The indebtedness

of France and Germany has mainly come

about by their inordinate fear of one

another, which has led to the creation of

enormous standing armies and the build-

ing of costly fortresses. England's

present position is due to a period of

trudal depression, Old Age Pensions,

and a big naval programme. America

has a deficit because her Congress has

developed into the most extravagant

spendthrift and free-handed legislative

body in the world. But to turn to Eng-

land and Germany, the great protagonists

at the moment in warship building and

industrial and commercial activity. The

New York Nation sums up their position

thus:—"The present situation of either

as pictured by its own public men, is

growing rapidly to be intolerable;

while their relations as expressed in the

alarms and jealousies and recriminations

over the desperate competition in naval

armaments, are daily becoming more

bitter and tense. If ever there was a

chance for large statesmanship, it is

offered to-day on both sides of the

North Sea. Consider the plight of both

nations, as they themselves confess it.

It is, primarily, a contest between them

of exhaustion. Each is studying the

other to see which will first bleed to

death. By heightened and oppressive

taxation, each is opening its veins; and

the financial doctors are standing by to

determine which one will first fall

fainting to the ground. Mr. Cmozza

Mosny, the English statistical expert, has

been taking stock of British wealth that

can be flung into the ship-building

game, and gravely assures his country-

CLEAN FIGHTS AT HWEI-AN.

A Shocking State of Affairs.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

From seventy to a hundred miles North

of Amoy along the sea coast lies the county

of Hwei-an, the poorest and most barren

in the Prefecture of Chin-chow, and indeed

probably in the Province of Fukien. Most

of it lies near the sea as the coast line

consists of many indented and winding

bays, and the land is low with a few

scattered ranges of low barren rocky

hills, mostly treeless. As a consequence

it is wind-swept and sadly lacking in

water, no river of any depth running

through it, though it is much intersected

by broad sandy river courses, generally

almost devoid of water, and only filling

up after heavy rain. Much less rice is

grown than in the more inland counties,

and the ground is chiefly given up to

barley, pea-nuts, and sweet-potatoes, the

success of which crops is entirely depend-

ent upon a sufficient rain fall, and this is

much more irregular than farther inland.

Owing to the density of population and

the narrow margin of livelihood it is not

to be wondered at that immense numbers

of the male population go farther afield

for a living, not only to Chin-chow, Amoy,

and other neighbouring cities, but to

Hongkong, Singapore, and the Straits

Settlements. A very large proportion of the

day-labourers and the coolies working on

the ships in Amoy are Hwei-an men,

as well as most of the coolies employed by

the Hong and foreign houses in Amoy and

Kulangsu. There is probably hardly a village

in the whole county that has not several

men abroad trying to earn money as chair

carriers, jack-knives, pullers, or in the

mines of the Straits. Yet in spite of the

barrenness and poverty of the region the

people are mostly strong, healthy and vig-

orous, largely because of the fact that the

women do not bind their feet as they have

to work in the fields and carry burdens

in the absence of sufficient men to cultivate

the land. They are an independent, active,

and litigious set of folk, and claim fields

and village rights as, alas, a normal

condition of affairs in the county. It is quite

the exception for the whole county to be

entirely at peace, in spite of its high

down name, for Hwei-an means "Gracious

Peace." The Chinese are good at grand

titles, high-sounding names, grandiloquent

BERLIN OFFICIALS IN

LONDON.

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Ordinance 5 of 1894.)

LONDON, May 24.

The Burgomaster, the Vice-Burgo-

master and 35 members of the Berlin

Corporation have arrived as guests of

the 'City of London. Most elaborate

festivities have been arranged to take

place during their stay.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

To-day is the first anniversary of the

opening by His Excellency Sir Frederik

Lugard, of the V.R.O. Pavilion.

Poppy-planting has closed in many

districts in Northern Anhui, but not at

Hochu or Kuanhi.

The volcanic mountain, Tarumaya, in

Hokkaido, is active. Local residents are

taking refuge elsewhere.

The Rev. Lord William Cecil and Lady

Cecil have left China on their return

journey to England via Siberia.

A friend of Petrovich, the Italian

detective in the American service, who

was slain at Palermo on March 15, has been

shot in a flat in New York by a member

of the Black Hand gang, who was concealed

in the floor above. The murderer escaped.

The House of Lords has adopted a

motion brought forward by the Duke of

Bedford for "an inquiry into the condition

of the special reserve." Lord Roberts

described the Army as a sham and said

that it was a thousand officers short of its

proper strength.

Sultan Mohammed of Turkey, while

cordially receiving an Armenian delegation

the other day, promised to issue proclama-

tions ordering the Mussulmans to abstain

from murder and pillage, and enjoining

upon the Armenians themselves to preserve

harmony in their relations with Muslims.

Telegrams from St. Petersburg state

that the Socialist Party has made the most

appalling revelations in the Duma concern-

ing atrocities alleged to have been com-

mitted in the prisons, where many persons,

it is said, are tortured to death. Typhoid

and scurvy are rife and the flesh of patients

is eaten off by the lions.

We have received from the South

Manchurian Railway Company three sets of

pictorial postcards showing the Company's

trains, steamers and carriages in connection

FOSTERING THE SILK

TRADE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

ANGLO-GERMAN RELATIONS.

GERMAN PRESS ON BRITISH NERVOUSNESS.

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LONDON, May 23.

The German Press, discussing Anglo-German relations, satirizes "Sympathy" in England. British phlegm, it says, is being replaced by nervousness, and it ridicules the stories of nocturnal visits of German airplanes.

AMERICA'S NAVY.

MORE DREADNOUGHTS AND DESTROYERS.

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LONDON, May 24.

A message from Washington states that the Secretary for the Navy announces an increase in the number of Dreadnoughts and five torpedo destroyers.

CHINESE AND EUROPEAN GAOLS.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, May 23.

H. E. Ta Hung Chi, who is to proceed to Russia to express the thanks of the Chinese Government for the attendance of a Russian representative at the late Emperor's funeral, has also been directed to visit Europe, and investigate the condition of the gaols of the various countries.

MACAO DELIMITATION.

ONLY ONE COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDED.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, May 23.

The Grand Councilors, being of opinion that it would be inadvisable to appoint a second Commissioner in connection with the Macao delimitation question, propose to request the Throne to confer full power on Ko Yi-Hin.

TANG SHAO-YI'S LATEST ROLE.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, May 23.

H. E. Chang Chih-Pung requests that H. E. Tang Shao-yi shall be appointed Deputy Director General of the Canton Hankow and Szuhuen-Hankow railways.

PORUGUESE DEMAND REJECTED.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, May 23.

The Portuguese Minister recently demanded the surrender of a man named Yung Kit, who was arrested in Shanghai as a Revolutionary, on the ground that he is a naturalized Portuguese subject. The demand has been rejected.

DEATH OF MRS PEARCE.

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Pearce, wife of the Rev. T. W. Pearce, of the London Mission, which took place at the Peak Hospital on Sunday. The deceased lady has been ill for some weeks but was only admitted to the hospital a little over a week ago her condition then being very critical.

The numerous friends of the late Mrs. Pearce will mourn her loss and the sympathy of the community will be extended to the Rev. T. W. Pearce and children in their bereavement. It is a particularly pathetic circumstance that today is the anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Pearce's wedding.

The deceased lady, who came of a Welsh family, resided in the East for a great number of years. Her sister married Dr. Weyman, who was a Wesleyan medical missionary at Foshan, and about 30 years ago deceased came out on a visit. She then met the Rev. T. W. Pearce, who was stationed at Canton, and some year or two later they married. For about nine years they resided at Canton, after which they were transferred to Hongkong, where they have since lived. Mrs. Pearce was a most devoted helper of her husband and has given the best years of her life to Christian work amongst the Chinese, organizing various classes for women and girls. She also often took charge of the London Mission School and Orphanage during the absence of Miss Davis, and was also keenly interested in the activities of the To Tai Church in Hollywood Road, where she was organist for many years. She has been a quiet, unostentatious, but persistent worker in a multitude of ways, always contributing her best in such a way as not to attract undue notice or attention. Nothing was a trouble to her, and her cheerful presence will be greatly missed. In the home, too, she was an ideal wife and mother. Her interest in the good works to which she had given so many years was maintained to the very end, and up to within a few days of her death she gave many valuable and practical suggestions for the continued prosecution of her work in which she took such a deep interest.

The funeral is to take place this afternoon at the residence of the late Mrs. Pearce, at 3.45 p.m. It will be conducted at the graveside by Rev. H. B. Wells. Prior to this service is to be held at the house at 3.45, at which the Rev. C. H. Hickling will officiate. On Sunday there will be a memorial service at the Union Church.

EMPIRE DAY.

Today wherever the British flag flies will the remembrance of the vastness of our possessions be brought to mind by the celebration of Empire Day. As yet, however, the movement for setting aside one day in the year on which to dwell on the privileges and responsibilities of Empire is but in its infancy. This probably explains the reason why in some quarters most elaborate programmes are being carried out, while in others there is little else to distinguish Empire Day from any other save perhaps the cessation of business for a few hours.

It cannot be said that Hongkong has risen to the occasion as she might do. In what more fitting spot than this Far Eastern outpost with its military and naval significance in the scheme of Imperial defence could such an occasion be officially recognised and the celebration of Empire Day taken up wholeheartedly by the populace? Yet there has been practically no organised recognition of the day in the Colony. Even the British flag scarcely meets the eye in walking through the city. In the harbour most of the ships have been dressed for the occasion, while this morning His Excellency the Governor (Sir F. D. Lugard) addressed the scholars of the Victoria and Kowloon British Schools reminding them of the precious heritage which is theirs. The Boys' Own Club sports and one or two other outdoor events were featured, but the inclemency of the weather was against their success.

It is to be sincerely hoped that by another year Hongkong will take a leading part in the celebration of Empire Day.

A Message from the Earl of Meath.

BOYS AND GIRLS OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

May you realise more and more fully as you grow older your great indebtedness to the British Empire—a majestic community of free nations, freely governing themselves, owing its being to vast sacrifices, enterprise, and valour on the part of your fathers and predecessors, bound together by one King, one Flag, and one God, comprising more than a fifth part of the human race, and occupying more than a fifth part of the earth's surface—a federation of the like of which the world has never known before.

May you bear in mind that of the allied peoples of this Empire, each one looks to the others for practical sympathy, protection, and co-operation; and that not only the State to which you belong, but also the Empire itself, looks to you to be ready in time of need to think, to labour, and to bear hardships in its behalf. May you excel in the practice of faith, courage, duty, self-discipline, fair-dealing, even justice, good citizenship, loyalty, patriotism, and sympathy, and thus, by your own individual action, aid in elevating the British character, strengthening the British Empire, and consolidating the British race.

A Song of Empire.

[BY THE COMPTROLLER OF JERSEY.]

Sing us a song of Empire!
First, let us praise the home
Stirred by the northern breeze,
Ringed by the towering fens—
Here is the joy of living.
Here are the mine and mart,
Forest and furrow giving
Strength to a Nation's heart,
And sons and daughters waiting
The call to play their part.

Sing us a song of Empire!
If Austral lands we roam,
Still wider grows the kinship
For every place we roam—
And by the starry Ganges,
Where Table Mountain glows,
Through their majestic ranges,
Our Lady of the Snows,
As one we greet our brothers,
As one we confront their foes.

Tell us a tale of Empire,
Isle of the western main!
Is this the spirit awakened
That forged the mighty chain;
From these we learned to fashion
The laws that make us free,
And now with filial passion
Thy children turn to thee,
And swear to guard thy portals,
Thou Empress of the sea.

And we, the sons of Empire,
Are pledged to hold our own;
Our fathers fixed the keystone—
The keystone of the throne;
Thy flag the deep foundations,
They reared the lofty gates,
They gathered in the nations,
And set them State by State,
They gave to each the watchword—
"Be masters of your fate."

Al! truest song of Empire!
Thine is the Empire, Lord!
Thine bless our King with wisdom,
Who holds from Thee the sword;
And may we learn to fashion
Whose war and wolf are Thine,
Which none can read aright,
In peace and love combine:
A brotherhood of peoples,
To work Thy vast design.

CELEBRATIONS AT KOWLOON SCHOOLS.

Address by the Governor.

At the Kowloon British Schools this morning His Excellency the Governor gave an address to the children of the Kowloon and Victoria Schools in lieu of the water picnic which was held last year.

Mr. B. James, B.A., president, and amongst those present were Dr. Pearce, assistant Medical Officer of Health, Mrs. Pearce, Bishop Landet, Rev. Brother Christian, Messrs T. Hough, A. Shelton, Hooper, E. Irving, F. H. May, and many others.

Mr. B. James said:—Before we share in the privilege of hearing an Empire Day address from a living Empire-builder I will ask His Excellency to present some prizes which have been awarded in honour of a dead Empire-builder—I mean the Nelson Essay Competition.

This competition was the outcome of a lecture delivered to the pupils of the school by Lieut. Davies of H.M.S. Marlin. There is one thing that may require some explanation—all three prize-winners

are members of what is often incorrectly termed the weaker sex. The explanation is that boys who are over 13 years of age are not allowed to attend this school in the first case. Two boys of ten years were considered for prizes—the spelling and composition were so perfect that the examiners came to the conclusion that he must have received outside aid. In the second case the writing and spelling were as perfect as they often are, but the boy of 10, but the subject matter was so good that had the essay not been left unfinished, the examiners informed me that he must have won the first prize. I found the reason for not finishing the essay perfectly natural one—"Please Sir, mother said I must go to bed." To sleep how ancient animosities have disappeared in the reign of King Edward the Peacemaker I quote a passage from the essay of a competitor who is of French descent and who also won the second prize.

"If Napoleon has been great on land, Nelson has been great on the sea. He won the admiration not only of his countrymen but of the entire world including even his enemies."

All the life of this illustrious admiral was like that of our French knight Bayard—"Sans peur et sans reproche."

The first prize presented by Lieut. Davies, R.N., goes to Tremendous Bontion.

The third, presented by Mrs. Main, goes to Freda Schmetz, who has left the Colony.

His Excellency said—Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls of the British Schools:—A short time ago when I distributed the prizes here I said that I hoped that we might have the pleasure of going to-day for a water picnic. It was intended to me that it would be preferable if I came here and addressed you particularly as the weather has turned out most unpropitious. I have fallen in with this arrangement. To-day is Empire Day and we observe it as a public holiday by ordinance in this colony in order that there will be one universal day on which the whole empire will be united in patriotism and to remind us of our duties as free citizens and as Kipling says "Least we forget our heritage and its duties."

You have all heard of the enormous extent of the British Empire, that it covers over 11 1/2 million square miles of the surface of the globe, and that it includes some 410 millions of people, about one fifth of the whole human race, speaking innumerable languages and living under varying conditions of development. The British Empire, of which we are so proud, has been that of which each of these different races should enjoy and develop along their own lines throughout freedom of speech and freedom of the Press provided that these are not used to create divisions, and while we have thus fostered independent thought and action, and given full means of expression to every race, it has been the aim of the British wherever they have set foot to influence and promote this liberty and this freedom by encouraging the growth of independent institutions. That, boys and girls, I would like you to remember is the keynote of the British Empire. It has been founded on justice. And it has been the object of the British in all their colonies to endeavour to teach the subject races the value of this priceless boon. Slavery disappears, for every man is equal in the eyes of the law, bribery and corruption cannot exist under these conditions. It is because the empire has been founded on this great principle that it has lasted for many centuries and has prospered as no other empire in the world has ever done. It is because it has been founded on no selfish motive that we can all be proud to belong to it and that the British Empire has been able to give the most noblest men the satisfaction of being able to give their lives to its service. Under the British flag we claim that all men of whatever race or colour, whatever religion, no matter whether they are wealthy or poor, enjoy greater freedom than they did before the flag came. That is the reason why we are proud of it and are prepared to give our lives to defend it. It is a stirring thought that to-day there are over fifty different colonies all over the earth where that flag will be unfurled and that the national anthem which you have just heard sung will be sung in all these different parts of the world. But this British Empire, of which we are so proud and from which we derive these benefits of freedom and the opportunities for a world-wide trade, can only exist while its citizens are worthy men and women and while each one of us endeavours to maintain its traditions and defend it. I do not limit what I say to those of British birth, for every British subject is a citizen of the British Empire, advancement, personal wealth, if our aim is solely to obtain personal distinction and personal pleasure, if we are not ready to make some real sacrifice for the empire, we shall not continue long to enjoy its benefits and it will not continue to have any value to the British citizen of to-day is unworthy of the great trust and heritage which has descended to him, that we are wrapped up too much in money making and in pleasure seeking, that we are too absorbed in our own concerns to remember that the British Empire is a great thing and that every British citizen should endeavour to make known to those around him the benefits which he enjoys, to mitigate the distress, to provide education, to check the evils from drink and other forms of self-indulgence by providing for the sick and the aged, to encourage ourselves and endeavouring to teach self-respect and self-improvement to every other British citizen; that is the way in which the traditions and ideals of the Empire may be maintained. Each one of us can bear our share in maintaining here, traditions either by personal service or by contributions to such institutions as I have described. In that way we shall prove that we are not unworthy of our forefathers and that British citizens are not deserters. There is nothing to which we should turn our backs and which we should share and that is the defence of the empire. I hold it to be the duty of every British citizen to be prepared to defend the empire. I hold it to be the duty of every employer to enable those he employs to take these preparations. I hold it to be the duty of every British citizen to teach his sons the benefits they are deriving and the duties they owe to the empire. I hold it to be the duty of every citizen to contribute to the army and the navy must do so freely and without grudge. It is the least they can do. Looking at it on the lowest basis, it is an insurance on their property. We have had some splendid examples lately of voluntary taxation incurred by some of the self-governing colonies, New Zealand, Canada, Australia and others in order to aid the army and navy of the empire. Hongkong at present is not able to do anything in that way. We occasionally have complaints of the amount which we pay towards the army, but seeing it is half the amount of the cost which is incurred of the army which defends

our own colony, we shall regret, if ever it comes that the existence of the empire is put to the trial, that we did not realise our responsibilities sooner, and that Hongkong will be one of the first of the overseas colonies to bear the brunt of the strain. You boys of the Victoria School have every reason to be proud, and I trust that every one of you will become an efficient volunteer in the service of the empire. I will add only one word to those who hear me and to any who perchance may read my words reported in the papers and that is that I earnestly beseech you to take these matters to heart in the method of severe or panic but in that sober dogged serious way which is natural to the British and which is the way in which our forefathers dealt with these matters, as matters worthy of the serious consideration of every British subject. Let the words of the every British hymn which we are about to hear ring and echo in every British subject in this British community to-day. (Applause.)

The proceedings terminated with the National Anthem.

At the Hongkong Club.

At the Hongkong Club an informal reception was held when there was a very large attendance. Mr. T. Hough presided, in the absence of the President, and expressed regret that he was not present. Sir Paul Chater had also sent his regrets at his inability to attend and in conclusion of a patriotic speech Mr. Hough proposed the toast of "The King, the Constitution and the Flag."

The toast was enthusiastically received. His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard, who was present, proposed the toast of "Our Empire," which was also loudly received.

The National Anthem was then sung and Mr. Hough called for three cheers for His Excellency the Governor, which were lustily given, a "tiger" being added.

PAPER AND PRINTING IN CHINA.

By E. H. Parker.

The recent discoveries of Dr. M. A. Stein in the neighbourhood of Khoten have had the unexpected effect of clearing up several mysteries in connection with ancient Chinese literature. It will be remembered that, in his paper read before the Royal Geographical Society on June 16, 1902, he spoke of having found at Niya "numerous narrow pieces of wood bearing Chinese characters," mostly, it appears, from 8 to 9 inches in length, and carrying upon them each but one single line of written character. He also found amongst these slips of wood a pencil of lamarkian wood surmounted by a knob of bone. The key to all this is to be found in the Chinese histories, which state that the people of Khoten "use pencils made of wood, and have kept by them the letters and commissions received from China ever since the date [corresponding to] B.C. 120."

The oldest of the wooden slips discovered by Dr. Stein bears the Chinese date equivalent to A.D. 239, at which date the Indo-Scythians of Afghanistan, or Ephthalites, were supreme in the Kashgar-Khoten region, and the new Chinese dynasty which had just succeeded to the Drago Throne was quite unable to assert itself by force of arms in those Central Asian parts. Another statement found in sixth-century history is that the authorities of Khoten used jade as a seal with which to imprint their wooden tablets.

These interesting coincidences of contemporary exploration with the official statements of the old Chinese annals, have led several earnest students, notably M. Chavannes, of Paris, to examine more critically the innumerable casual statements scattered here and there over the dynastic histories; and the result has been to establish revised and much more accurate notions upon the subject of ancient penmanship and writing materials than even the Chinese themselves have ever been able to gather, from a comparison of vague and conflicting statements of fact, since the total destruction of their literature over 2,000 years ago.

It is now absolutely certain that neither clay, leather, parchment, nor the papyrus was at any date ever used by the ancient Chinese for the purpose of making records, which fact alone goes to negative any probability of connection with Egypt, Babylonia, or Persia; touching which, moreover, there is not the faintest specific evidence to be found either in Eastern or Western records. It seems also equally certain that the Chinese never used the style to scratch a message upon wood, bamboo, or palm-leaves, as natives of India—for instance, Banyan barkers—may be seen doing today, even now, not only in India itself, but also in Singapore, and, perhaps, Hongkong. What the Chinese used was a stick or stylus of bamboo, such as we find in the older histories describe as being very like the Chinese joiners' "ink-stick" or "wooden stick and line" of the sixteenth century (when first mentioned), and also like that of today. The ancient Chinese carpenter, it may be observed, used a red string for marking wood, and the very modern ones often use a European-made coloured lead pencil. All there were and are no bamboo in Khoten, the natives, and probably also the Chinese, of that place, in imitating as best they could their own bamboo slips and styles, had recourse to avail themselves of the tamarisk, a tree which the Russian traveller, Przhevalski found thirty years ago all over the Tarim valley. From the most ancient times had been employed in China chiefly for the purpose of branding the foreheads of criminals; but it had also been used, concurrently with varnish, for inscribing bamboo and wooden tablets with written communications. Presumably the ink was the same in both cases. Everyone who has travelled in China knows what Chinese residents have suffered severely from eye and skin affections brought on by living too soon in the confined atmosphere of a room or amongst furniture that has been recently varnished by a "native carpenter. The tree which produces this varnish, the *Albizia* varicosa, may be seen growing nearly all over the Yangtze valley, and its product is of great value for coating ships' bottoms, lighting purposes, making "brilliant" ink, and, possibly, varnishing "Chinamen" and "Chinamen."

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dynastic importance and state laws were also occasionally cast from moulds upon metal tablets in order to secure permanency. As the bamboo stem is usually no thicker than a brandy bottle, it follows that the plans surface available for writing characters could never be very broad; important works, such as the classics, were written upon slips of pared bamboo about 2 1/2 English feet long, and about 1 inch broad. Works of rather secondary importance were inscribed on narrower strips of half the length. Books of quite secondary value were written upon pieces of wood, such as the classics, were written upon slips of pared bamboo about 2 1/2 English feet long, and about 1 inch broad. Works of rather secondary importance were inscribed on narrower strips of half the length. Books of quite secondary value were written upon pieces of wood, such as the classics, were written upon slips of pared bamboo about 2 1/2 English feet long, and about 1 inch broad. 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STEAMSHIP	SAILING DATE
ASIA	FRIDAY, 4th June, at Noon
MONSIEUR	TUESDAY, 15th June, at Noon
TENYO MARU	SATURDAY, 19th June, at Noon
KOREA	TUESDAY, 29th June, at Noon
NIPPON MARU	SATURDAY, 10th July, at Noon
SIBERIA	TUESDAY, 17th July, at Noon
CHINA	SATURDAY, 27th July, at Noon
MANCHURIA	TUESDAY, 31st July, at Noon
CHIYO MARU	SATURDAY, 6th Aug., at Noon

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS	STEAMSHIP	SAILING DATE, 1909
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MARSEILLES, LONDON, IYO MARU, Capt. S.G. Parsons, Tons 6500, WEDNESDAY, 26th May, at Daylight.

AND ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID, WAKASA MARU, Capt. N. Nielsen, Tons 6500, WEDNESDAY, 26th June, at Daylight.

VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA, SHIMIZU and YOKOHAMA, TOSU MARU, Capt. T. Harrison, Tons 6000, TUESDAY, 8th June, at 4 p.m.

SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, NIKKO MARU, Capt. M. Yagi, Tons 6000, FRIDAY, 11th June, at Noon.

via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, KUMANO MARU, Capt. N. Harrison, Tons 6000, FRIDAY, 9th July, at Noon.

SHANGHAI, MOJI, and KOBÉ, TAKASAKI MARU, Capt. A. Becker, Tons 5000, THURSDAY, 27th May, at Noon.

KOBÉ and YOKOHAMA, KAWACHI MARU, Capt. H. Peterson, Tons 6500, FRIDAY, 8th May, at 8 p.m.

BOMBAY, via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO, MOYORI MARU, Capt. J. O. Richards, Tons 4500, THURSDAY, 3rd June, at Noon.

NAGASAKI, MOJI, KOBÉ and YOKOHAMA, MISHIMA MARU, Capt. A. E. Moses, Tons 9000, FRIDAY, 4th June, at Noon.

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DELHI	May 29	MOULTAN	June 2	June 2
DEVANHA	May 30	CHITRA	June 3	June 3
ASSAYE	May 31	MALEDONIA	June 4	June 4
DELTA	June 1	MANTUA	June 5	June 5
GALEDONIA	June 2	MONGOLIA	June 6	June 6
DEVANHA	June 3	MALEDONIA	June 7	June 7
ASSAYE	June 4	MOULTAN	June 8	June 8
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TJILATJAP	JAVA	Do.	SHANGHAI	Do.
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HAITANG	SWATOW, AMOI & FOOCOW.	FRIDAY, 29th May, at 1 p.m.

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